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- a. depositing a layer of a radiation curable composition onto one surface of a radiation transmissive metal foil backing to provide a layer having an exposed surface;
 - b. contacting a master with a preformed surface bearing a pattern capable of imparting a three-dimensional microstructure of precisely shaped and located functional discontinuities including distal surface portions and adjacent depressed surface portions into the exposed surface of the layer of radiation curable composition on said metal foil backing under sufficient contact pressure to impart said pattern into said layer;
 - c. while the layer of radiation curable composition is in contact with the patterned surface of the master, exposing said curable composition to a sufficient level of thermal radiation through the metal foil backing to cure said composition to provide a cured polymer which adheres to the metal foil backing; and
 - d. separating the cured polymer layer on the metal foil backing from the surface of the master.

The attached pages show new claim 51 after the present amendment.

Remarks

It is noted that the Examiner has made the restriction requirement Final. Accordingly, the Applicants will maintain the non-elected claims in the application until final resolution of the elected claims or until the filing of a divisional application on the non-elected claims, whichever comes first.

It is noted that the Examiner has objected to the title as not being descriptive. The title has been amended to read: Method of Making Dimensionally Stable Composite Article. This title was suggested by the Examiner and should, thus, be acceptable.

The Examiner has indicated that claim 10 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. New independent claim 51 includes the limitation of claim 10. Claim 10 will be maintained in the application, pending final resolution of